

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Robert HUNTER  
Serial No.: 10/683,928  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR READING AND CONTROLLING UTILITY CONSUMPTION

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Examiner: Charioui, Mohamed

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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEYS  
OF RECORD IN PATENT MATTER**

Dear Sirs:

This is a request for permission to withdraw as attorneys of record in this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36.

**1. REASON FOR REQUEST**

The attorneys of record request mandatory withdrawal under 37 C.F.R. § 10.40, and specifically under 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(b)(4), because the client has discharged the firm and its practitioners from representing the client before the Patent Office in the above referenced matter (see attached copy of fax from Applicant).

**2. DUE NOTICE TO APPLICANT**

The attorneys of record have given due notice of their withdrawal to the client pursuant to the aforementioned discharge. We enclose a copy of the letter transmitted to the client containing such notice along with this Request To Withdraw.

**3. DELIVERY OF PAPERS TO THE CLIENT**

We have delivered or are in the process of delivering to the client all the papers comprising this application and its prosecution.

**4. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND NEXT ACTION**

The above identified application is pending. As of the present time, we are not aware of any action pending in this application.

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**5. CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

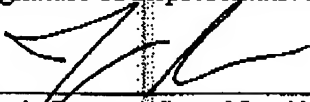
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**6. REQUEST TO WITHDRAW MADE ON BEHALF OF ALL ATTORNEYS/AGENTS LISTED UNDER CUSTOMER NUMBER**


This request to withdraw is made on behalf of me, all of the attorneys/agents of record, and all attorneys/agents listed under Customer No. 37509.

Signature of Representative of Withdrawing Attorneys:

  
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Signature of Representative of Withdrawing Attorneys on Behalf of All Withdrawing Attorneys

Dated: May 18, 2005

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.10(n))**

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" - Rule 10: I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on May 19, 2005 with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" under 37 CFR 1.10 as EL 989 611 116 US addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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